Pony Road Committee Meeting Notes April 23, 2008

Next meeting: May 14th, 2008 at 10:00 at the Masonic Hall in Pony

Present: Daryl DeFrance, Nick Elpel, Jim Hilton, Pearl Kilman, Lester Kilman, Kathy Looney, George M. Mainwaring, Marilyn Ross, Brian Rumsey, Jeanne Singleton, Janet Zimmerman

Madison County Commissioner Marilyn Ross opened the meeting. Committee participants gave a brief description of how the committee was formed following a Madison County Commissioner's meeting in Pony and what committee members came up with at their first meeting.

- -Town Meeting so that everyone is included and gets to participate.
- -Fact finding, What do we have now? Madison County has hired Stacy Reed to systematically go through the county records and document all of the counties roads. She probably won't be done for another 3 months.
- -Questionnaire
- -Does Madison County have a surveyor? No
- -The information off the 1877 map was not transferred correctly to the 1902 map
- -What is the date of disincorporation? No one knows
- -County road records are not part of the district court records
- -This is when the county puts together its budget for the year. Marilyn would like to see the committee or whoever or whatever come up with a road improvement schedule so the county can budget annually for road improvements.
- -What was the cost of building Willow Creek in Pony? Don't know as the budget and expenditures are for the whole district, not just one project.
- -The county should keep track of the cost
- -Who owns the main road in Pony, the county or the state? What is the agreement?
- -Can the county budget for a surveyor? Would it be possible to get some engineering students to survey Pony as a class project?
- -If we survey for a potential sewer system we may be able to get some grant money.
- -Two possibilities for a grant are CDBG (community development block grant) and RD (rural development grant).
- -Put together an agenda for our next meeting that states the committee will meet to draft a questionnaire to be sent to all Pony property owners. The questionnaire will primarily address roads but other concerns as well.

Action Items:

Janet will contact college civil engineering programs to see if any of them might be interested in surveying Pony as a student project.

Kathy will contact Madison County road person, Stacy Reed and find out where she is on the roads in Pony.

Marilyn will look into acquiring all the names and addresses of folks that own property in Pony